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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Security Committee

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Acting Director, Office of Policy and Planning

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FROM:

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Chairman, Intelligence Definitions Working
Group

SUBJECT:

Draft DCID No. 1/XX, Compartmentation

1. I note with interest the definitions of terms contained in the subject draft, and the obvious attempt to make them consistent with definitions known to have been under study by the Community Intelligence Definitions Working Group (IDWG). The latter definitions, as of this date, have been finalized and approved by the DCI for publication in a formal glossary of intelligence terms. In the Preface to that document--which will go to the printer today--the DCI encourages authors of other intelligence glossaries to consider the terms and definitions which it contains.

2. The DCI's definitions of the terms which your draft DCID proposes defining are attached for your consideration. Note that the term "sensitive sources, methods, and analytical procedures" is not defined in the Community glossary, but that the definition of "sensitive intelligence sources and methods" is apparently synonymous, or nearly so.

3. Also recommend arranging defined terms in alphabetical order in the DCID.

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FROM THE DCI'S GLOSSARY

compartmentation: Formal systems of restricted access to intelligence activities, such systems established by and/or managed under the cognizance of the Director of Central Intelligence to protect the sensitive aspects of sources, methods, and analytical procedures of foreign intelligence programs.

sensitive intelligence sources and methods: A collective term for those persons, organizations, things, conditions, or events that provide intelligence information and those means used in the collection, processing, and production of such information which, if compromised, would be vulnerable to counteraction that could reasonably be expected to reduce their ability to support U.S. intelligence activities.

sensitive compartmented information (SCI): All information and material requiring special controls for restricted handling within compartmented intelligence systems and for which compartmentation is established.

decompartmentation: The removal of information from a compartmentation system without altering the information to conceal sources, methods, or analytical procedures.

sanitization: The process of editing or otherwise altering intelligence information or reports to protect sensitive intelligence sources, methods, capabilities, analytical procedures, or privileged information in order to permit wider dissemination.